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Your 3/15, re my Archives docs rec'd 3/5: you may be right that Bartimo
excluding permanently stored files when he told Rankin that everything under
DOD jurisdiction had been sent. The letter to which this is a reply first referred
to files of agencies under DOD jurisdiction; then later to files under DOD
jurisdiction. It may not be an accident that Bartimo used the latter formulation
in his reply. I hadn't thought of that. Rankin's letter referred to specific
other agencies, suggesting that cited material had not been received. It is hard
to believe that Bartimo checked this out properly within 5 days. You may recall
that I got 2 transmittal letters from the Navy which had been conspicuously missing
from the ONI file; I doubt that they had been sent to the Commission in some other
file. The published copy of the pay records (CE 3099) is ostentatiously dated
9/15/64; perhaps the Commission got another copy earlier but I doubt in. In short,
I don't think Bartimo's reply was accurate.